

## MASKED MEN TAKE FIREMAN OFF TRAIN

First Violence Recorded in the  
Southern Pacific Strike

TRAINS MOVING ON TIME

Officials at San Antonio Claim the  
Strike is Broken—One Engineer  
Is Assaulted by a  
Brakeman.

New Orleans, December 26.—John Gotreux, a Southern Pacific locomotive fireman, walked into Opelousas, La., today after having been taken from his engine by masked men, twenty-two miles outside of town, and after having tramped the largest part of the night to reach town.

Four masked and armed men boarded the engine during a stop and despite the fact that Gotreux hid himself they found and dragged him off the engine. No violence was offered to Gotreux, who at once started for this city, his train getting too far away to be overtaken.

Except for this incident, Mr. Cushing said that the firemen's strike has caused no serious trouble on this end of the Southern Pacific's Atlantic division. Two guards are carried on every engine and all passenger and local freights have been moved about on time. Mr. Cushing announced that the Southern Pacific expects tomorrow to remove the embargo on through freight, which has been maintained since the strike began. He said that through freight for Louisiana and Texas points will again be accepted and that the through freight trains will begin running.

Again Accepting Freight.

Houston, Texas, December 26.—Reports to the headquarters of the Atlantic system of the Southern Pacific lines covering twenty-four hours ending today show that the lines are experimenting little difficulty in operating trains on account of the strike of the locomotive firemen. On the Houston division of the Galveston, Harrisburg and San Antonio line fourteen freight trains out of sixteen scheduled were handled and all of the yard engines were working. All scheduled freight and passenger trains and two extra freight trains were operated on the Victoria division and on the Texas and New Orleans east of this city all scheduled trains were started.

The same is true according to the reports on the El Paso division west of San Antonio. In view of the successful operation of trains as indicated, Traffic Manager C. K. Dunlap has issued orders to all points to accept both local and through freight for transportation over the lines of the company.

At Lobo, near El Paso, Engineer Kutz is reported to have been assaulted by a brakeman and so severely injured that he could not continue the run. H. E. Willis, assistant grand chief of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, says that his organization is thoroughly satisfied with the situation and all its members are going to do all in their power to maintain their contract with the railroad company, and keep the trains moving. Charles A. Neill, United States commissioner of labor, will arrive in Houston tomorrow morning from Washington and tender his friendly offices in the controversy.

Reports No Change.

El Paso, Tex., December 26.—There is no change tonight in the local situation in the strike of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen of the Galveston, Harrisburg and San Antonio (Southern Pacific Atlantic system) other than the giving out of a statement by Joseph Bedford, chairman of the grievance committee of the firemen. Bedford, in his statement, says that the firemen have "assumed the situation" and that they are going to support of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, the Order of Railway Conductors, and the Order of Railway Telegraphers. These orders are in full sympathy with the statement declares with the firemen.

Trainmaster Wage of the El Paso division stated tonight that the passenger trains are moving on time, so that the freight are getting out as fast as they can be made up.

Claim Strike is Broken.

San Antonio, Tex., December 26.—Local Southern Pacific officials claim that the two-headed end of the strike on this division of the Sunset system is broken; that all freight and passenger trains are moving along with full crews; that they have more firemen than they have engines. A striking fireman was arrested today for entering an engineer's cab at the Sunset depot. He gave bond and will be tried tomorrow morning on a charge of disorderly conduct.

The order made not to receive freight at this point has been rescinded, and all freight offered will be received in the future.

BOOKER WASHINGTON.

Noted Educator Will Speak on Race  
Question at Jefferson Theatre.

The coming of Booker T. Washington to Birmingham has excited much interest among the colored people of this vicinity. The colored citizens' club, under whose auspices he comes, has secured the Jefferson theatre for Monday night, December 24. A number of Tuskegee students are to sing plantation melodies at that time. Because of many requests from white citizens who desire to hear Dr. Washington, the parquet has been reserved for them.

The address will have for its special object the wedding of friendly ties between the races. The address which he made at Montgomery at the state fair, and which was listened to by Governor Jelks, who spoke on the same occasion, was declared by the latter to be an effort calculated to do more good for Alabama than any similar talk from any one else. In addition to the address at the theatre, Washington will, on the succeeding day, January 1, use a chartered car and visit Bessemer and Ensley for the purpose of speaking to the citizens of these places.

Concerning DeRaylan.

Washington, December 26.—Baron Schlippenbach, the Russian consul general at Chicago, who is a guest of Baron Rosen, the Russian ambassador, said today that the Russian legal bureau, with which Madame De Raylan was identified in Chicago, was in no way connected with the Russian consulate, but like many other papers, was organized to prepare legal papers to be certified to by officials at the consulate. Madame De Raylan was employed as a clerk at the Russian consulate.

## DISTINGUISHED STUDENTS ASSEMBLE AT PROVIDENCE

Providence, R. I., December 26.—Distinguished students of political science, historians and educators, representing many leading universities and other educational institutions of this country, assembled here tonight for the opening of a series of annual meetings to be held under the auspices of the Brown university during the remaining days of the present week. Conventions of the American Historical association, the American Economic association, the American Political Science association, the American Sociological society and the Bibliographical Society of America are included in the programme of the week.

Tonight a joint meeting of the American Historical and American Economic associations was held, after which a reception was given to the visitors by Brown university officials.

President W. H. P. Fausch delivered an address of welcome, referring to the significance of the gathering of distinguished men and welcoming the delegates to the university.

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## TELL OF CONDITION FROM COAL FAMINE

Freight Trains Have Not  
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North Dakota—Hundreds of  
Thousands Lost to Farmers.

Washington, December 26.—Interstate Commerce Commissioner Lane, who has had direct charge of ameliorating conditions in the northwest, where both coal and car famines have prevailed, is in daily receipt of hundreds of letters from dealers and residents in North Dakota, Minnesota, Wyoming and Idaho that tell a most interesting story of existing conditions.

Some of the writers go to the extent of saying that in many instances freight trains have "not passed railroad stations for a month or six weeks, and that hundreds of thousands of dollars have been lost to the farmers and elevator men, particularly in North Dakota, by reason of their failure to obtain cars to move their wheat and flax. Commissioner Lane today received a letter which is a sample of many from Cheyenne, N. D., in which it is stated that on November 25 a car was billed from that point and that on the 17th inst., the car was still on the sidetrack, and a freight train had not passed up or down for weeks.

Governor Goodin of Idaho, to whom Commissioner Lane had written for information relative to conditions in that state, said: "The trouble, it needs no stating, is the fact that among the transportation companies the only important consideration in their management is the securing of dividends without regard to the service rendered to the people. The latter consideration is entirely lost sight of."

The governor of Idaho informs the commissioner that he will recommend the creation of a railroad commission in his next annual message to the legislature.

WORK OF REPAIR ON  
COLORADO BREAK

In Accordance With Instructions By  
Harriman, Work is Under Way to  
Protect Imperial Valley.

Washington, December 26.—The work of repair on the break in the Colorado river, just across the Mexican-California international boundary line, which threatened to do such great damage in the Imperial and Colorado valleys, has been commenced in accordance with instructions given by Mr. E. H. Harriman.

Information to this effect is contained in a dispatch received here by Director Walcott, of the geological survey. Piles are being driven into the river at the place where the break occurred, and over these the Southern Pacific Railroad company is running its track.

Huge blocks are being dropped into the river to form the foundation for the bridge and other material which the gap in the river will be filled.

FIREMEN CALLED OUT  
OFTEN YESTERDAY

Sparks Falling on Roof Start a Blaze  
Which Spreads to Adjoining  
Houses.

The fire department had a busy day yesterday answering calls from all directions in the city. Sparks falling on the roof set fire to the house of El Simpson on Eighth avenue, between Seventeenth and Eighteenth streets entailing a loss of nearly \$4000.

Two adjoining houses, occupied by G. M. Dillard and Eugene Hammel, also caught fire and were badly damaged. While these fires were in progress two more alarms were sent in, but neither of them proved to be serious.

CORRECTING ABUSES IN CONGO.

J. P. Morgan and Dr. Abbott Address  
Root on the Subject.

Washington, December 26.—The letter of J. Pierpont Morgan, Lyman Abbott and others, addressed to Secretary Root, urging him to use the moral support of the United States in the direction of correcting abuses said to exist in the Congo region, it was stated at the department today would be taken into consideration along with other similar communications on the subject.

Secretary Root, in speaking of the matter and of the recent statement in the Belgian parliament that the purpose of Belgium in annexing the Congo Free State was in order to enable that country to deal with the subject in a more effective way, said that all this country could do was to encourage and politely urge Belgium to greater activity.

Let's Accident Unavoidable.

Washington, December 26.—The coroner's jury today returned a verdict of "unavoidable accident" in its inquest over the body of Samuel West, the 14-year-old colored boy, who was run over yesterday and killed by Joseph Leiter's automobile. Mr. Leiter directed that the boy's body be turned over to an undertaker and the funeral expenses will be met by him. Mr. Leiter also will make a pecuniary allowance for the family of the dead boy, Charles H. Raymond, the chauffeur, was released from custody.

Funeral Notice.

The friends of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Simms, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Simms, and Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Gibson are invited to attend the funeral of Mr. A. H. Simms at the late residence, 3231 First avenue, Woodlawn, today at 2 p. m. The remains will be laid to rest in Woodlawn cemetery.

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CHRISTIAN-JONES NUPTIALS

Mrs. Taylor Entertains—Mass Meeting  
to Be Held in Rebel Hall to Con-  
sider Necessary Legis-  
lation.

Bessemer, December 26.—The sudden and painful death of little Helen Schwabacher, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. U. Schwabacher, this morning at 5 o'clock, as a result of burns received Monday, was the saddest incident of the whole Christmas week. The child was one of the brightest and most attractive in the city, being only four years old and the pet of the whole family. Her parents and sisters are deeply grieved.

It seems that she was standing too near the grate when her clothing caught fire and before assistance could reach her she was engulfed in flames. The body was fearfully burned and she was so badly frightened by the shock that meningitis set in. After hours of suffering death finally brought rest to the little one this morning.

It will be remembered by the friends of the family that Helen was the beauty prize at the Alabama State fair last October, and that only a few weeks ago she received the first prize in the baby show in this city. Other than her beauty, the girl was loved for her sweet temperament, and the whole community is in sympathy with the griefed family.

The funeral will be held at the family residence on Fifth avenue, between Eighteenth and Nineteenth streets, tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock. Samuel Ullman will conduct the services. A special car will be provided to take all friends of the family to the funeral. The interment will be made at the Jewish cemetery. Moore Brothers are in charge of the arrangements.

Six O'Clock Dinner.

Dr. and Mrs. W. D. Taylor entertained at 6 o'clock tonight in a most delightful manner. It was one of the most enjoyable events of the Yuletide. Among those who were present were, Dr. and Mrs. J. S. Winters, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Grigsby, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Warlick, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Gosson, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Mitchell, Miss Mary Biggart and Mr. C. P. Matthews.

The service was beautiful, with all the unique Christmas decorations. The guests were beautifully gowned and the whole affair was a great success.

Christian Jones.

The wedding of Miss Mabel Jones to Mr. H. C. Christian was solemnized last night at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John M. Jones, in Jonesboro. Only a few friends and relatives witnessed the nuptials.

The house was thrown open and beautiful decorations were everywhere. Her father while the bride effect was carried out in several of the rooms. The bride appeared dressed in white silk with pointed lace, and in a simple ceremony, performed by the Rev. W. C. Jones of East Lake, the two were made one.

The young couple were the recipients of many valuable wedding presents from their friends and relatives. The bride is one of the most popular young ladies in Jonesboro, while the groom, an employee of the Birmingham Railway, Light and Power company, has made many good coming home, and will take up his residence in Jonesboro.

Child Dies.

The little 2½-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Williamson died last night at the home of her parents, on Fifth avenue, between Twenty-fourth and Twenty-fifth streets.

The deceased was an attractive little girl and the griefed parents have the deep sympathies of their friends in Bessemer. She has been ill during nearly the whole of her life.

The funeral services were conducted this afternoon from the home and interment was made in Cedar Hill cemetery. The Rev. W. C. Jones of East Lake, the two were made one.

Notes and Personals.

Mrs. T. J. Bissett has sufficiently improved from her recent illness to return to her home in Bessemer. Her friends are glad to hear of her quick recovery.

Miss Lottie Hurd has returned from school to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Hurd.

Mr. J. H. Merriweather of Jonesboro, who has been seriously ill for some time, is much improved.

J. Porter of Brighton, who was so injured yesterday with a whisky bottle, was some better today and the physicians are in hopes of his recovery.

J. H. Laudermilk, who perpetrated the deed, has been given bond and the trial will come up as soon as Porter is able to appear in court.

A mass meeting has been called to meet in the Rebel hall on next Friday night to consider legislation necessary to Bessemer.

The children of the Presbyterian Sunday school had a fine time this evening in the city hall. It was in the form of a party and the children were entertained themselves as no one else could.

Miss Nellie Veitch has gone to Chattanooga to spend a few days with relatives.

W. P. Gunn and family are spending the holidays with relatives in Virginia. They will return after the new year.

The fire department was called out last night at about 10 o'clock to a house on Seventh avenue between Eighteenth and Nineteenth streets. A blaze on the roof was quickly extinguished and the damage by fire and water will amount to less than \$100. The residence was the property of Sam Erick.

Deaths and Funerals.

Mrs. Francis Lewis.

Mrs. Francis Lewis, aged 66 years, died yesterday at the family residence, 1221 Avenue D, after a short illness. The remains will be sent to Opelika this morning at 7 o'clock by Shaw & Son.

Mrs. Althea McQueen.

Mrs. Althea McQueen, aged 69 years, died yesterday at the late home in West End. The funeral was held from the residence, Cleveland station, at 2:30 p. m. and interment was made in Elmwood cemetery.

Oliver P. Bartel, Jr.

Oliver P. Bartel, Jr., aged 6 years, died Tuesday night at the residence of his parents, 819 North Eighteenth street. The body was interred in Elmwood cemetery yesterday afternoon. Life Loy was in charge.

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## LEAGUE BASKET BALL ON TONIGHT

SECOND WEEKLY GAMES AT THE  
Y. M. C. A. TO BE PLAYED TO-  
NIGHT—MUCH INTEREST IS DIS-  
PLAYED.

The second weekly games of the Commercial Basketball league will be played on the gymnasium floor of the Young Men's Christian association tonight, beginning at 8 o'clock. Here are the teams which will meet:

Steele-Smith vs. Y. M. C. A. first team.

Louis Saks vs. Cox Shoe company.

The captain of the Steele-Smith squad has a smile on his face that means danger to the first team, and it is well known that the cup will go to the boys who can win from the giants of Vanderbilt fame. Louis Saks and Cox are well balanced, and the game between them promises to be hotly contested.

Interest in athletics is now centering in basketball. Birmingham seems to be getting into the spirit of these many contests. The extremely open pass work which characterizes the game makes it possible for the most ignorant to understand and enjoy the wonderful points, and the ladies, who are always given free entrance, are expected to be present in great numbers.

## REPORTS JAPANESE HAWAII SITUATION

COMMISSIONER OF IMMIGRATION  
STRONG SAYS FEWER THERE  
NOW THAN TWO YEARS AGO.  
ARRIVING ON ISLAND.

Washington, December 26.—A report on Japanese conditions in the Hawaiian Islands will be made to President Roosevelt by Frank P. Sargent, commissioner of immigration and naturalization, as a result of his recent visit to the islands. Commissioner Sargent today expressed the opinion that there are fewer Japanese in the Hawaiian Islands now than there were two years ago, a greater number having come to America in this period than arrived in Hawaii. Mikki Saito, the Japanese consul general at Honolulu, intimated to Mr. Sargent that the Japanese government discouraged its people from coming to the United States, because of its knowledge of the conditions existing in this country, especially on the Pacific coast, and it was apparently the coming here of great numbers of Japanese might induce a prejudice against them that would be embarrassing.

The commissioner of immigration found that the majority of the people and the owners of plantations in the islands are in serious need of labor, and many Japanese are coming to the islands to work on them. He says that it is the effort of the Hawaiian planters to diversify their labor, so far as may be possible, not confining it to any one race, but getting people from all quarters of the world.

A second shipment of Portuguese will arrive at Honolulu in a short time, and it is probable that these immigrants will make the islands their permanent home. Many more plantations would be operated on the islands if it were possible to obtain the necessary laborers, but up to the present time the labor has been scarce.

It is expected that the arrival in the islands of European laborers would be a solution of the Hawaiian labor problem.

\$25,000,000 WILL  
BE SURPLUS FUND

Money Has Poured Into Uncle Sam's  
Coffers, Which Looks Good for  
Rivers and Harbors Bill.

Washington, December 26.—(Special.)—Something like \$25,000,000 will be the surplus in the United States treasury on December 31, the end of the first six months of the fiscal year. This is three times greater than the surplus a year ago.

Never before in the history of the country has there been such an inflow of money from the customs collectors. The customs receipts thus far in the fiscal year have been, in round numbers, \$100,000,000 or \$140,000,000 more than receipts from the same source last year. Internal revenue receipts run about \$100,000,000 ahead of last year. The surplus argues well for a liberal rivers and harbors bill and other appropriations during the next two months of the present Congress.

Captain Seabury Is Dead.

San Francisco, December 26.—Capt. William B. Seabury, commodore of the Pacific Mail company's fleet, and one of the best-known mariners on the Pacific coast, is dead at San Rafael, as the result of a fall about a week ago.

PERSONAL.

Arthur S. Boyd, manager of the Pennsylvania Casualty company, wishes